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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph. The Applicant has amended claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 and 11 in response to this rejection. The Applicant believes these claims, as amended are now patentable over the above cited rejection. In addition, new claim 12 has been added wherein new claim 12 is an independent claim and includes elements of amended claim 1 and amended claim 3.

Accordingly, early allowance of the remaining claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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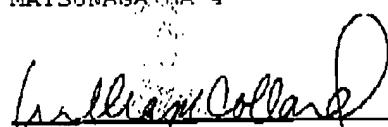
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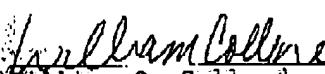

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